GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Planning – Green Cover– Strategy to achieve 50% Green Cover by 2029 – Constitution of High Level Steering Committee – Orders - Issued.

PLANNING (VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.173 Dated:09.05.2019

Read:-

Minutes of the meeting held by the Hon'ble Minister for PR&RD on 26.11.2018 for increasing area under Green Cover to 50% of the total geographical area in the state.

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ORDER:

The Government, with an objective to create sustainable living space for the citizens of the State, has set a target for increasing area under Green Cover to 50% of the total geographical area of the state. Currently the area under forest cover in the State is 36.91 lakh hectares which is 23.04% of total geographical area.

2. The Government have launched various programs involving public and farmers to increase tree cover outside the forest area. Several afforestation activities, expansion of horticultural tree crops, Institutional and commercial plantations are under implementation by respective departments.

3. To accelerate the measures to increase area under Green Cover area and for convergence of the programs of different departments, Government have decided to constitute a High Level Steering Committee to advice, suggest and direct on measures to be taken by different departments to increase the area under Green Cover area to 50% of the geographical area of the state.

4. Government, after careful examination, hereby constitute a High Level Steering Committee (HLSC) with the following members to advice on various policy measures, to prepare and monitor a Green Andhra Pradesh Vision & Action plan 2019-2029:-

1. Minister for ITE&C and PR & RD — Chairman
2. Minister for Environment, Forest, Science & Technology — Member
3. Principal Secretary, PR & RD — Member
4. Principal Secretary, EFS&T — Member
5. Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD — Member

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6.	Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)	Member
7.	Special Chief Secretary, TR&B	Member
8.	Secretary, Water Resources Department (Irrigation)	Member
9.	Secretary, Agriculture and Co-operation Department (Horticulture)	Member
10.	Executive Director, APFDC	Member
11.	Officer from Railways	Special Invitee
12.	Officer from NHAI	Special Invitee
13.	Secretary (E.O.), Planning	Member Convener

5. The HLSC shall coordinate the efforts of different sectors and departments, advice, suggest and direct on measures to be taken by different departments to increase the area under green cover area as per the Green Andhra Pradesh Vision & Action plan 2019-2029 with emphasis on following areas of focus:-

a. Conservation forestry – prioritization and strategy for identification of suitable areas.
b. Production forestry – inside recorded forest, additional area under Horticulture, industrial plantations and other areas outside the notified forest area.
c. Environmental and Recreation forestry.
d. Study on appropriate planting methods including Miyawaki Method and execution in selected areas and developing suitable techniques for different locations.
e. Awareness generation on environment protection and prevention of degradation.
f. Convergence approach for the enhancement of green cover.
g. Policies for incentivizing for enhancing green cover in private lands particularly fallow lands.
h. Facilitating flow of funds including CSR funds and MGNREGA and developing convergence approach for dovetailing funds.
i. Simplification of rules and regulations for encouraging afforestation activities by farmers.

6. The HLSC can constitute an Expert Group with experts in Forestry, Ecology, Taxonomy and related fields to advice and support the Steering Committee in identifying, local species and techniques for plantation.

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7. The HLSC shall hold periodical meetings as may be necessary to achieve the desired objectives of Green Andhra Pradesh Vision & Action Plan 2019-2029.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Special Chief Secretary to Government, TR&B Department.
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The Principal Secretary to Government, PR & RD Department.
The Principal Secretary to Government, EFS&T Department.
The Secretary to Government, Water Resources Department.
The E.O. Secretary to Government, Planning Department.
The Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Co-operation Department (Horticulture)
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)
The Executive Director, APFDC
The General Manager, South Central Railways, Secunderabad
The Engineer –in-Chief (I/C), Admn. & NH & CRF
The OSD to Minister for ITE&C and PR&RD Department.
The OSD to Minister for EFS&T Department.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.
The P.S. to Special Chief Secretary to C.M.
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